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SUBJECT: CEREMONY IN THE KENNEDY CENTER

1. INTERPRETATION FOR REMARKS AT OPENING CEREMONY IN KENNEDY CENTER IS GIVING US SOME CONCERN. WE EXPECT 1200 TO 1300 PERSONS FOR THE CEREMONY, THE VAST MAJORITY OF WHOM WILL BE ENGLISH SPEAKING. IF ALL THREE SPEECHES WERE IN ENGLISH WE WOULD ONLY HAVE TO PROVIDE INTERPRETATION INTO FRENCH. WE UNDERSTAND TURKISH PRIME MINISTER INTENDS TO USE ENGLISH AND CERTAINLY PRESIDENT CARTER WILL. WE ARE COGNIZANT OF SYG LUNS' PROPENSITY FOR SPEAKING AT TIMES IN FRENCH AND AT TIMES IN ENGLISH AND APPLAUD THIS AS A MEANS OF PROVIDING EQUAL EMPHASIS FOR THE NATO LANGUAGES. HOWEVER, IT GIVES SOME PROBLEMS IN THE PROVISION OF INTERPRETATION EQUIPMENT.

2. YOU ARE REQUESTED TO CONSIDER APPROACHING LUNS WITH A REQUEST THAT THE KEY THRUST OF HIS REMARKS AT THE KENNEDY CENTER BE KEPT MAINLY IN ENGLISH TO ALLEVIATE THE REQUIREMENT FOR SIMULTANEOUS INTERPRETATION EQUIPMENT. WE WILL BE

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PROVIDING RADIO RECEIVERS AND FRANKLY DO NOT HAVE ENOUGH OF THEM FOR EVERYONE TO USE. IF LUNS GIVES EQUAL TIME TO FRENCH AND ENGLISH, WHICH WE REALIZE WOULD PROBABLY BE HIS

PREFERENCE, WE WILL SIMPLY HAVE TO DEAL WITH THE SITUATION, BUT IT WILL MEAN THAT LARGE MEMBERS OF AUDIENCE AT THE KENNEDY CENTER ARE LIKELY TO MISS THE POINT OF HIS

REMARKS. OF COURSE, TYPE OF APPROACH IF ANY -- TO LUNS
ON THIS SUBJECT IS LEFT TO YOUR DISCRETION.

3. IF APPROACH IS MADE LUNS SHOULD BE ASSURED THAT THIS
SHOULD IN NO WAY BE LOOKED UPON AS AN EFFORT TO RESTRICT
THE USE OF FRENCH IN THE ALLIANCE, SIMPLY AS AN
ADMINISTRATIVE PROBLEM WHICH COULD BE SOLVED WITH THE SYG'S
COMPLIANCE IN THIS ONE SITUATION. HE SHOULD ALSO BE ASSURED
THERE WILL BE PLENTY OF INTERPRETATION FACILITIES FOR
REMAINDER OF SESSION BUT WE WILL APPRECIATE HIS CONSIDERA-
TION AT THE KENNEDY CENTER. VANCE

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